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This is the A bill that goes with the election bill, LB 357, and it appropriates \$150,000 from the Election Administration Fund for the first year, along with \$2,230,000 from the Election Administration Fund for the next year. It also has some expenditures from the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund for carrying out the provisions of this bill. That money basically will be used in the first year for start-up costs, and the second year is a more substantial appropriation and this is actually for the cost of implementing a statewide voter registration system. There's also an appropriation in the Department of Motor Vehicles for updating their computer system. And, as you remember, we indicated to you on General File that most of this will be federal funds that are coming in to the state for the purposes of doing this particular bill. With that, Mr. President, I would turn the rest of my time back to the Chair.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Further discussion on LB 357A? Seeing none, the Chair would recognize Senator Schimek to close. She waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 357A to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The bill is advanced. Before proceeding to the next item, the Chair would recognize Senator Schimek for a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members, I am pleased once again to be able to announce that the Homestead Girl Scout Council is providing you with Girl Scout cookies this morning on their birthday, which is March 12, 1912, was the date that Girl Scouts was founded by Juliette Gordon Low and was chartered by a special act of Congress on March 16, 1950. So this is their 91st birthday today. At no time probably in the long history of Girl Scouts have been been more relevant than they are today, and I just want to thank the Girl Scouts for continuing to remember us on their birthday and to say that we appreciate all they do for the young women of our state and of